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## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### RUSSIA AND PEACE.

#### Endeavours to Avert Popular Outbreak.

London, February 24.  
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that the Bolshevik authorities are trying to avert a popular out-break against them as a result of the German advance, by issuing statements declaring that it is merely a question of time before the Germans will be repulsed and by tales of shooting of German soldiers, who refused to march. They simultaneously declare that the bourgeois agents and scribblers are impatiently awaiting the arrival of the Germans to abolish the Soviet authority and that such bourgeois must be compelled to work at the defence. At a meeting of the Soviet Parliament M. Sverdlow, the Chairman, called attention to the demonstrations in the Nevsky Prospect against the Government and said that the members of the Soviet Executive must be armed in self-defence.

#### Army Refuses to Fight.

London, February 24.  
M. Lenin says that the army absolutely refuses to fight. He will not remain in the Government for a moment if "the policy of phrases" obtains the upper hand.

#### Austria Ready to Conclude Peace.

London, February 24.  
Reuter's correspondent at Paris says that Count Casmir has sent a wireless message to M. Trotsky that Austria, in concert with her Allies, is ready to conclude peace with Russia.

#### The Evacuation of Aaland Island.

London, February 24.  
Reuter's correspondent at Stockholm says that an agreement has been reached regarding the evacuation of Aaland Island by Russian and Finnish troops. A Swedish force has gone to Aaland Island to maintain order.

#### Russia's Position Hopeless.

London, February 25.  
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd says that there has been a sitting of the Soviet Executive in the Taurida Palace, at which the German terms were accepted. M. Lenin, in urging the acceptance, said that Russia's position was hopeless, and this peace must be accepted as a respite enabling the preparation of decisive resistance to the bourgeois and Imperialism. "The proletariats of the whole world will come to our aid and then we shall renew the fight," M. Martoff and the leaders of the Internationalists contended that the proposed peace meant evil to the Russian Revolution and the power of the Soviets.

#### A General Peace Wanted.

London, February 25.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam the Vienna Arbeiter Zeitung says that a separate peace with Russia will only make a general peace more remote, because America, Britain and France will fight to the bitter end. It declares that Austria needs a general peace and hence it does not rejoice at Germany's pyrrhic victory with Russia. The Leipziger Volks Zeitung says that the Russian Government's latest rapid move has upset the carefully prepared game of the German Government, which does not want peace.

The Socialist Herr Cohn, speaking in the Reichstag on Friday, denied that the people of the Baltic Provinces were longing for Germany and declared that a general peace was emphatically no nearer.

The Stuttgarter Tagblatt, commenting on the anti-German speeches in the Austrian Parliament, recalls the terrible softening of German soldiers in the defence of Austria and says that such speeches severely try the sympathy of the German nation for the Austro-German alliance.

#### German Claims.

London, February 26.  
A German wireless official message states:—We have occupied Raval after a battle. We have also taken Plekau, south of Lake Pripus.

#### Request for an Armistice.

London, February 26.  
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that M. Krylenko has telegraphed the German General Staff requesting a renewal of the armistice with a view to Russia's acceptance of peace terms.

#### Germans Further Advance.

London, February 26.  
A German wireless official message states:—We have occupied Pernau where an Estonian Battalion has placed itself under German command. We have occupied Dorpat. We have captured three thousand prisoners and hundreds of automobiles. We have reached Jitomir. A flying detachment which occupied Dorpat covered over 130 miles in a five-and-a-half days. The whole of the staff of the Russian special army at Rovno fell into our hands. The Commander-in-Chief fled. We established a contact with Ukrainian troops at Jitomir.

#### Japan's Hour Approaching.

London, February 26.  
Reuter's correspondent at Paris says the Press regards the German terms to Russia as humiliating.

The Draconian Excoriator says history offers no example more complete or more servile than the compliance of the Bolsheviks in agreeing to renounce their own propaganda.

The Echo de Paris says that Japan's hour is approaching. She alone can check the German penetration. She is anxious to intervene and is only awaiting the signal.

#### M. Lenin's Policy.

London, February 26.  
It is becoming evident that it is M. Lenin's policy to accept the most humiliating terms imaginable in order at any cost to prevent the Germans from marching into Petrograd and overthrowing Bolshevik rule. Some telegrams from Petrograd speak of the Bolsheviks collecting forces to resist the invaders, but this is mere camouflage. If forces are assembling it is only to carry out the behests of the Bolsheviks who care only for the upholding of the revolution, and nothing for their country.

#### Delegates for Brest-Litovsk.

London, February 26.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam a Berlin message states that Count Hertling informed the Reichstag that delegates had gone to Brest-Litovsk. Although a dispute about details is possible the conclusion of peace must ensue shortly.

A telegram from Vienna states that Austro-Hungarian delegates have gone to Brest-Litovsk.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### RUSSIA AND PEACE.

#### Allied Embassies Leaving Petrograd.

London, February 26.  
The Allied Embassies are leaving Petrograd.

#### Bolsheviks Report.

London, February 26.  
Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd states that the Bolsheviks claim that the Soviet Forces have captured Rostoff.

### THE PALESTINE OFFENSIVE.

#### Important Results Gained.

London, February 26.  
Reuter's correspondent with the British Army in Palestine, writing on February 22 says:—The lull in operations since the New Year has been due to the cold and wet weather and the necessity of strengthening. The lengthened lines of communication have now been broken by a fresh offensive which was completely successful in yielding important strategic results. The fighting after Christmas left our troops in possession of important heights east of Jerusalem and dominating the road to Jericho. The Turks had still some forces west of Jericho, and if they had been sufficiently strong and energetic they might have worked round between Bethlehem and the Dead Sea and even menaced the road to Hebron. Most of the region between Jerusalem and Jericho is barren, broken and very hilly till within seven miles of the Jordan where there is an apparently level surface furrowed with innumerable steep and narrow gorges. The Turks held a line along the crests six miles east of Jerusalem on either side of the road, their defences plentifully supplied with machine guns. It was decided to drive the Turks beyond the Jordan in order to make our right flank absolutely secure. The first British movement on February 14 encountered no serious opposition and the line advanced about a hundred yards. On the morning of February 19 Welsh troops and Londoners attacked along a broad front, respectively north and south of the Jericho road, while Australian Light Horse made a wide turning movement from the south. The enemy hotly contested the advance, clinging tenaciously to his positions. The British, notwithstanding the difficult ground and bad weather, swept forward and carried the whole of their objectives. The advance was resumed on February 20. The British, fighting with irresistible valour, dislodged the enemy from a series of crests and ledges amidst a drenching rain, and by the end of the day advanced six thousand yards on a ten mile front. The cavalry had a particularly difficult task as they could only move single file in some places. Yesterday the enemy evacuated Jericho which we entered to-day. The Turkish defeat not merely secures access to the Jordan and the Dead Sea but it valuably assists the operations of King Hedjaz who is advancing to the north.

### RUMANIAN PEACE QUESTION.

#### Bulgarians Commence Negotiations.

London, February 24.  
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that a Bulgarian delegation has gone to Bucharest to participate in the Rumanian peace negotiations. Before his departure, the Finance Minister, M. Tacheff, who is the chief delegate, informed M. Sbrancu that the Bulgarians were concentrating upon regaining the Dobruja.

#### Bucharest the Venue for Negotiations.

London, February 24.  
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that apparently the Central Powers have chosen Bucharest as the venue for the negotiations with Rumania because they desire to get the ruling power of Rumania into the hands of pro-German Rumanian statesmen, who remained in the occupied territory.

#### Support for Provisional Government.

London, February 24.  
Reuter's correspondent at Jassy says that a large number of Russian officers and other military on the Rumanian front have passed a resolution in favour of supporting the new Provisional Government formed at Noveherkask by Generals Korniloff and Alexieff.

#### Returning to Rumania.

London, February 26.  
Reuter's is informed that M. Mitea, Rumanian Minister to Britain, is en route for Rumania. The French press report that M. Mitea is to be Foreign Minister.

### THE NEED FOR MAN-POWER.

London, February 26.  
Mr. Auckland Geddes in a speech in London, said there was no clear end of the war in sight. The need for man-power was never greater. The whole of the man-power question was profoundly modified by the defection of Russia. There had been a most severe blizzard in America. The defection of Russia had enabled Germany to establish an approximate equality of strength on the Western Front, thus the Allies could at present obtain no decisive advantage there, and until the American Forces arrived we must see that our army is kept up to the necessary strength. The blizzard in America had greatly delayed the arrival of raw material for munition works, so for the next few weeks there would be fewer munition workers needed and the number of munition workers who had not yet served should be put into the army.

### MESOPOTAMIA ADVANCE.

London, February 26.  
A Mesopotamia official message states:—Our troops on the Euphrates occupied Khanaburay on Wednesday. Patrols met with slight resistance. We took thirty prisoners.

### POWER OF GERMANY'S GENERAL STAFF.

London, February 26.  
A further instalment of Mr. Gerarda's book declares that the ultimate power in Germany rests with the General Staff, which more or less controls the actions of the Kaiser and even claims the right of final decision on questions of foreign policy. Hence, Mr. Gerarda concludes, it was General Ludendorff who decided the rupture with America.

## REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

### GERMAN AUXILIARY CRUISER RETURNS.

#### Depredations in India and Pacific Oceans.

London, February 26.  
Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam says that a Berlin official message states that the auxiliary cruiser Wolf, commanded by Captain Neger, has returned from the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific oceans with four hundred members of the crews of sunk ships, including white and coloured British military men and also several captured guns and great quantities of valuable raw materials, such as rubber, copper, brass, zinc, coconuts, beans, and coira, worth many million marks. After her capture the Tarratella was equipped as an auxiliary cruiser and operated off Galu and Aden, being commanded by the Wolf's first officer, until she encountered the British, who took the crew of twenty-seven prisoners. List of Vessels Sunk.

Later.  
The Admiralty announces that in reference to the German official report that the auxiliary cruiser Wolf has returned after fifteen months' cruise, it is presumed that she sank in the Indian and Pacific oceans the following vessels, taking the crews prisoners:—Tarratella, Janna, Wordsworth, Des, Wairuna, Winslow, Beluga, Encoore, Matung, Hitachi Maru, and Igoimendi. The Tarratella, an unarmed merchantman, was captured on February 11, 1917, and equipped for mine-laying. Shortly afterwards she encountered a British warship and the prize crew scuttled the Tarratella and surrendered.

### GERMAN WORKERS' PEACE CONFERENCE.

London, February 26.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at New York, Mr. Gompers has declined the German Trade Unionists' invitation to attend a Workers' Peace Conference.

### UKRAINIAN HARVEST.

London, February 22.  
Reuter's correspondent at Zurich says that the Bavarian Land Tax Minister of the Interior has stated that there is no great hope that the Ukrainian harvest will permit of increased rations.

### GERMAN SOCIALISTS PROTEST.

London, February 22.  
According to Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam, Socialists in the Reichstag protested against the calling up of strikers for the army. They complained of soldiers being insulted and beaten, that they are ill-fed and refused furlough, with the result that desertions are increasing. General Scheuch, Chief of the War Board, admitted that agitators had been called up.

### NEW FOUNDLAND VESSEL WRECKED.

London, February 26.  
Reuter's correspondent at St. John's says that the New Foundland steamer Florist sailing from St. John's to New York has been wrecked in a blizzard near Cape Race. Forty passengers, including a number of prominent people from New Foundland and sixty of the crew perished. The Florist was pounded to pieces in the heavy seas. It is now announced that there were 156 persons aboard the Florist of which eighty were passengers including a score of St. John's business men.

A message from St. John's states that forty persons have been saved from the Florist.

### LABOUR'S CLAIMS.

London, February 26.  
The Daily Telegraph's labour correspondent says it is problematical whether all the delegates of the Inter-Allied Socialist Conference endorse the memorandum in respect to their own national claims. It is understood that the Italians are dissatisfied with the meagre recognition of the Italian claim of the Trentino. The abatement of the British-speaking peoples is still a very serious matter. The absence of any delegations from the British Dominions is to be deplored as the real opinion of labour in Australia, Canada and South Africa are most important as regards the future of German colonies.

### COULD NOT FIGHT HIS KINSMEN.

London, February 26.  
Reuter's correspondent at New York says that the German-born-Captain Henkes has been dismissed from the army and sentenced to twenty five years (?) hard labour for resigning on the ground that he could not fight his kinsmen.

### THE WESTERN FRONT.

#### American's Successful Raid.

London, February 26.  
Reuter's correspondent with the American Army in France writing on Sunday says:—An American patrol in the Chemin des Dames sector, in conjunction with a French patrol, and under French command, penetrated the German lines on Saturday morning a few hundred yards. They captured two officers, twenty men and one machine gun. There has been a lively artillery bombardment of the American sector for several days north-west of Tours where the enemy is strengthened by artillery.

#### Artillery Duel.

London, February 26.  
A French communique states:—An artillery duel continues to be very lively in the region of Tahure, Champagne and the sectors north and south of Upper Alsace.

### SOUTH AFRICAN FLOODS.

London, February 26.  
Reuter's correspondent at Durban says that the magistrate at Empangeni reports that thirteen Europeans at Umfolosi are known to be dead and that fourteen are missing. It is estimated that from forty to fifty natives and Indians have been drowned.

### NEW POWERS FOR ARMY COUNCIL.

London, February 26.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Macpherson announced that an Order in Council was being issued restoring to the Army Council and Secretary of State powers and duties transferred to the Chief of General Staff by an Order in Council in January 1916.

## POPULAR ENGLISH GIRLS.

### Huge Success in America.

"Our Beloved Girl." This is the name by which Miss Kathleen Burke is known throughout the United States. A young English girl of slight figure, but gifted with "unbounded energy," she has taken America by storm, and now that she has returned to England she has been followed by letters to the Prime Minister and the American Ambassador begging for her immediate return.

Miss Burke is the daughter of one of the chief officers of the North Western Railway. Before the war began she led the life of an ordinary English girl of good position, but as soon as it started she threw herself into work for our soldiers. In 1915 she became attached to the Scottish Women's Hospital, and one day her gift of speech was discovered almost by accident. Dr. Elsie Inglis was announced to speak at Oxford, but could not go, and Miss Burke was sent to take her place.

In February 1916 she was sent to America, and spoke all over the Eastern States. She managed in a few weeks to collect \$11,000 for the hospital. Coming home, she spent a few weeks in the Citadel at Verdun with Generals Petain and Nivelle, and then returned to America in November to travel 120,000 miles and make 300 speeches, which resulted in the collection of \$53,000 for the Scottish Women's Hospital and \$290,000 for the French hospitals.

A Wall Street Speech.  
A speech before the New York Stock Exchange—she is the only woman who ever addressed it—brought in \$880,000 and one to the New York Chamber of Commerce \$450,000.

Now she is about to return to the States for another campaign. Asked by our representative as to what America was doing, Miss Burke said that we in this country have no idea of the greatness of her effort.

"Some of the people over here make me tired," she said. "They grumble because they cannot get a little butter; in America the people, although there is plenty of food, are denying themselves to send it us."

"They have a 'Meatless Tuesday' every week, when no meat is eaten in any of the States, and a 'Wheatless Wednesday,' when nothing is eaten made from flour."

"I spoke in San Francisco to 3,000 men in the shipyards. Many of them were members of the I.W.O., and I was guarded by detectives with revolvers. When I began to speak they rattled their dinner cans, but before I had finished, 3,000 of them had joined the American Red Cross."

"America is all right, and she is going to see this through."

### DON'T FORGET.

#### TO-DAY.

Harmston's Circus Causeway  
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Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
New Hongkong Cinematograph—9.15 p.m.

#### TO-MORROW.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.  
New Hongkong Cinematograph—9.15 p.m.

### Officer's Dual Success.

Lieut. Arthur Walsh, eldest son of Mr. Stephen Walsh, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Local Government Board, was decorated with the Military Cross by the King yesterday. When he enlisted as a private soon after the outbreak of war, he had already won his way by means of a scholarship from an elementary day school to the university, and had graduated at Manchester.



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## GENERAL NEWS.

**Golfing Doctor's Death.**  
Dr. Leidlaw Farves, who died at Hardwick Cottage, Wimbledon, common, was a well-known golfer, being one of the founders of the Sandwich Club. A keen sportsman himself, two of his sons are Scottish golfers. Dr. Farves was a member of the Ophthalmic Society, and had been consulting ophthalmic surgeon at Guy's Hospital, and at the Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System, while he was also hon. ophthalmic surgeon at the Royal Normal College for the Blind.

**Servant as Fine Lady.**  
It was related of a domestic servant named Elizabeth Smith, charged at Canterbury recently that she absconded from a situation in Liverpool, taking clothes and jewellery valued at £118. Subsequently her apparel and jewels enabled her to gain the confidence of people at St. Leonards, Crowborough, Tunbridge Wells and Canterbury, and five robberies, all committed within a week of leaving Liverpool, were traced to her. Accused was sent to a Bristol institution for three years.

**Multiple Shops Must Suffer.**  
If anyone had to suffer, it should be the multiple shops, and not individual tradesmen. This was the view of the chairman of the London Appeal Tribunal in dismissing the appeal of a large firm of grocers yesterday, when they challenged the refusal of the Lexington Local Tribunal to grant further exemption to the manager of a branch shop with a turn over of £10,000 a year. The firm urged that although the manager was placed for general services, he was only just within military age and was doing work of vital national importance in the distribution of food under exceptional difficulties.

**Doubtful Foreigners.**  
According to Japanese papers amongst the first-class passengers of a Russian steamer that arrived at Yokohama a few days ago there were two young foreigners who claimed to be Russians. Inasmuch as they had no passports the police authorities refused to allow them to land and they were kept under watch. On the 9th instant the discovery was made that the foreigners had disappeared from the ship early in the morning. A vigorous search was instituted and it was ascertained that men answering to the description of the foreigners had left Yokohama station for Kobe. Subsequently the men were arrested at Sanomiyama.

**Little Economies That Count.**  
The following ray appeal for economy has been placed in every room of the National War Savings Committee's building. Government departments and employers of labour are invited to do likewise.—There is a war on. There is a paper shortage. Every piece of paper you waste counts. Waste none. Do not use a big envelope if a small one will do. Do not use a foolscap sheet of paper if a quarto sheet will serve. Do not let paper lie about, becoming soiled and unusable. Type letters without double spacing, and use both sides of the paper to avoid the use of a second sheet. A message from one individual to another on the staff need not have an envelope. Envelopes cost money. There is a war on. The Queen's Reply to American Women's Tribute.

The Queen has sent a reply to Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, chairman of the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defence of America, who had addressed to her Majesty a telegram assuring her of the admiration which the women of America have had for the fortitude of their sisters in Britain during the war, and adding, "We are proud to be associated with them." The Queen, in her reply, says: "Please convey to the sisterhood of your great country the warm thanks of the women of the British Empire for their inspiring words of encouragement and assurance. The horrors of war have taught us to know one another better, and have strengthened the ties of kinship and mutual sympathy by uniting the women of the English speaking race heart and soul in the struggle for liberty and civilisation. Confident of the valuable help two women can give our gallant sailors and soldiers, I send God's richest blessing on our efforts."

## NOTICES.

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## A SIGN IN TIME.



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## EDUCATION IN SHANTUNG.

Large Conference at Tientsin.

A correspondent to the N.C. Daily News writes:—

The second annual meeting of the Shantung-Honan Educational Conference was held in this city this week in one of the school buildings of the Northern Methodist Mission. Nineteen missions were represented and 33 Chinese and 40 foreigners attended. This was the largest gathering so far. It was felt, however, that there would have been a much larger attendance, but for the nearness to the Chinese New Year when one is likely to get cut off from home and have to stay away longer than desired. More over, some people were kept away because of the plague in the north.

The following officers were elected:—President: the Rev. R. O. Wells; Vice President: J. T. Wang; Chinese Secretary: Y. T. Wang; English Secretary: the Rev. P. O. Hanson; treasurer: the Rev. W. G. Mawson; Executive Committee: the Rev. W. E. Salles, Mr. Carlberg, and P. W. Yin.

The following subjects were discussed:—The Middle School, Kuan Hsu Tzu Ma, Industrial Education, Science in the Middle School, Teaching of Chinese, Teaching of English, Teaching of Geography, Supervised Study, Courtis Tests, Uniform Examinations. The time seemed too short for dealing satisfactorily with these subjects.

speaker could not express himself in that language he had to look to an interpreter. One or two interpreters had rather difficult terms and sentences to translate for the speakers, but they proved themselves equal to the task. The place for the next meeting is to be Tientsin, but the time has not yet been definitely settled.

"Specials" 300 Commendations.

For valuable assistance in the detection of crime, Mr. Montague W. Knapp, a Paddington special constable, has received over 300 public and private commendations. Recently at Marylebone he was again commended by the magistrates for his promptness in securing the arrest of two women—mother and daughter—who were sent to prison for attempting to pawn stolen property in his shop.

G. R.

**PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF THE letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Thursday, the 28th day of Feb. 1918, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Causeway Bay, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.**

**PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.**

No. of Lots	Boundary Measurements (Approximate)	Contents in Acres	Annual Rent	Upset Price
Lot	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.
1	100	100	100	100
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## NOTICES.

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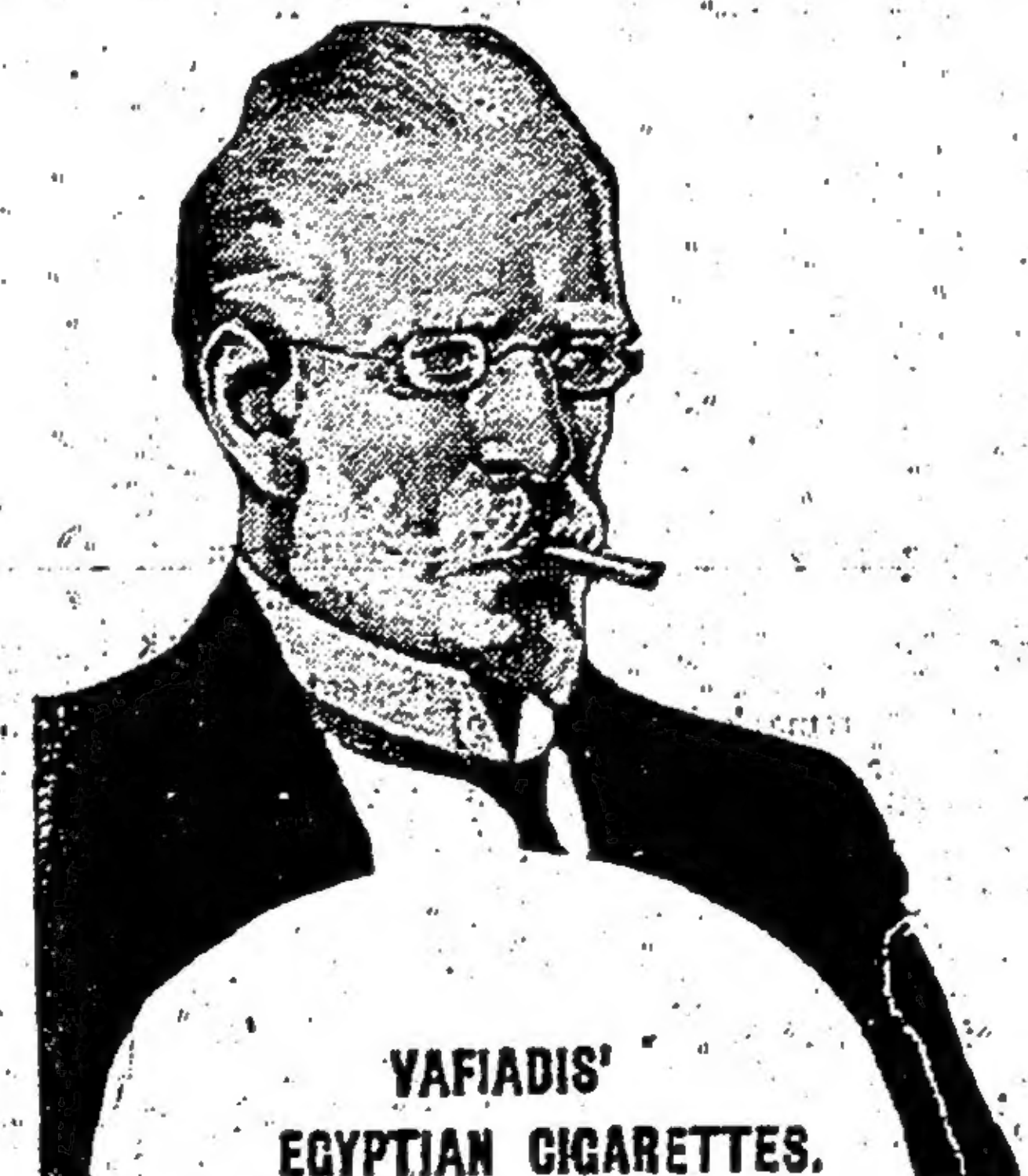
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## HONGKONG DOG AND CAT SHOW 1918.

The committee beg to notify intending exhibitors that the Show will be held sometime during March, on a date to be notified later.

It has been decided to include Poultry provided that sufficient entries are forthcoming. Further particulars may be obtained from the undersigned.  
**G. W. GEGG,**  
Hon. Sec. & Treasurer,  
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## NOTICES.

**THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN & MORTGAGE CO., LTD.**

**THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS** in the Company will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Buildings, No. 6 Connaught Road, on THURSDAY, the 28th February, 1918, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1917, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 20th February, 1918, until THURSDAY, the 28th February, 1918, both days inclusive.

**THE HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA WAR SAVINGS ASSOCIATION.**

**APPLICATION** forms for Membership of the above Association may be obtained from all the Banks or from the undersigned.

**THE UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.**  
Honorary Secretaries & Treasurers.

Hongkong, 15th January, 1917.

## NOTICES.

**HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.**  
NOTICE.

**THE ORDINARY HALF YEARLY MEETING** of Shareholders will be held at the Company's Hotel on FRIDAY, the 1st March, 1918, at 12.15 P.M. for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1917, with the Report of the Directors, and discuss any matter that may be competently brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 22nd February, to 1st March, 1918, both days inclusive.  
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD,  
**J. H. TAGGART,**  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th February, 1918.

**HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.**

**THE FINAL DIVIDEND** DECLARED for the Year ending 31st December, 1917, at the rate of Two Pounds three shillings Sterling together with a Bonus of One Pound Sterling per share, is payable on and after MONDAY the 25th day of February, Current, at the offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
**N. J. STABB,**  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1918.

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**SCHOOL** duties will be resumed on 1st March. For terms &c. apply to The Headmaster.

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1918.

## THE DERBY DAY CATASTROPHE.

Marked by a tragedy, the full dimensions of which are at present history of the Colony as one of the blackest in its pages. Such a devastating affair as yesterday's would always cast a deep and lasting gloom over any community, but there is an added horror when it is remembered that the Colony was *en fete* and that the pleasure week of the year has been turned into one of extensive mourning. The holiday spirit was all abroad, the Hongkong Derby race had resulted in a sensational and extremely popular win for one of Hongkong's most esteemed public benefactors, when in a few minutes the hand of death had taken toll, in catastrophic fashion, of hundreds of lives. The appalling suddenness of the event, the heart-rending and terrible scenes that were witnessed, together with the fine display of practical help that was forthcoming from uniformed and civil spectators stood out prominently in a disaster that was full of great incidents. From the moment that the first sound of rending timbers was heard to the completion of the devastation, scarcely twenty minutes had elapsed, and from a row of pleasure stands the booths had been turned into hideous charnel houses. To describe in detail all the scenes that followed the breaking out of the flames would be to recite horrors almost too repulsive to read. The thousands of people who stood aghast to watch others perish were weighed down with poignant grief, and it will be many a long day, if ever, before the memory can be cleansed of the hideous sight that was presented.

On all sides one heard nothing but the highest praise for the work of the police and those men of the military and naval forces who were on the scene. All people were naturally impelled by humanitarian impulse to rush to the scene and try to extricate those unfortunate persons who were imprisoned in the mass of wreckage and whom the flames were threatening every moment to involve, but the valor of the men who have been trained to emergency and danger, set an example that calls for nothing but high laudation. Facing roaring flames which gave out a heat intense military men and police worked right up to the last, and many were the lives saved through their splendid efforts. In a dark story there is this bright spot and it has a brightness of which all should be proud.

Although for many years the string of matched booths has been a feature of the races this is the first occurrence of its kind to mar a meeting, and the one topic uppermost in the minds of all is whether due precautions are taken to ensure that such erections are safe. It is all very well to be wise after the event, and discover that there was a flaw in the ordinarily marvellous strength with which the Chinese builders imbue these structures, but there will have to be some satisfying assurance forthcoming that the authorities had taken every care to ascertain that, given fair wear and tear and an average load, the net work of poles and struts capable of withstanding the strain that was put upon them. Some of the occupants say that there was first an alarm of fire which stampeded the people to one side thus putting an unexpected strain on the structures, whilst others say that the sound of cracking timbers was the first intimation that any had of the impending collapse, and that it was then that the rush took place. In any event it is a matter for careful enquiry, and if enquiry is deserved it should not be spared. At home there is such a thing as Board of Trade Regulations that have to be complied with in the case of permanent or temporary buildings for the housing of the human beings, and whilst the Building Ordinance here protects the householder and ensures the use of safe materials and proper construction in ordinary dwellings it will be interesting to know whether any supervision is exercised in the case of such erections, the collapse of which has thrown the Colony into mourning. There has always been a fund of faith in the strength of bamboo structures, but that faith should scarcely have been sufficient to do away with inspection by a competent official, and the Government will certainly be not a little questioned as to the true state of affairs on the matter. If supervision is exercised, people will want to know a little more than they already do as to the precise cause of the collapse, for it should not be necessary to wait until a tragedy of appalling dimensions like that which has overtaken the Colony to learn that the building was unable to bear the strain it was intended to support.

### Sir Henry Blake.

There is not one in Hongkong but will have felt the deepest sorrow at the death of Sir Henry Blake, particulars of which were announced in our issue of yesterday. There are a good many people still resident here who remember him as Governor, but whether he was known personally or not, anyone in the Colony to-day realises that he was a wise, just and generous man who governed this Colony of Hongkong in such a manner that he endeared himself to every section of the community, but more especially to the Chinese by whom he was beloved as a wise counsellor and friend; a just administrator ever ready to lend a sympathetic ear, and give sterling advice to those in need of it. The Chinese knew that any difficulties of theirs would be smoothed out if humanely possible by Sir Henry Blake, to whom they could always turn. The deepest sorrow and regret is felt by all at the death of this fine gentleman who did so much for the Colony during his term of administration.

### A Great Administrator.

The time which Sir Henry Blake served as Governor of Hongkong was marked by many vicissitudes calling for thoughtful generalship. But under his guiding hand a safe course was steered, and difficulties as they arose dealt with in such an able manner that good rose in their stead. One of the most important changes which took place in the Colony was the taking over by Great Britain of the New Territories. The time was a stormy one, but with his never failing tact and judgement Sir Henry Blake sided over the anxious moments. The late Governor saw the Colony grow rapidly, and its prosperity increase to a considerable extent. He did all in his power to add to its advancement, and that he succeeded admirably we in Hongkong can testify. He spared no island under his control, and when he left extreme regret was felt by all. What Hongkong lost other places gained, for he devoted his life assiduously to the betterment of the community where his sphere of labour lay. During his stay here he never tired in his endeavor to bring about a better understanding between Chinese and Britons. That he succeeded is fully borne out by the fact that when he had finished his term of office the Chinese paid to him a glowing tribute, and acknowledged their deep sense of loss at his retirement. The news of Sir Henry Blake's death has been received with sincere sorrow by everyone in the Colony.

### A Superstition.

It is not a little remarkable that the present year, which is supposed among Chinese to be a bad one for them, should have started in such a disastrous fashion. When the year was welcomed in, a plague was devastating the inhabitants of some of the northern provinces, the visitation being one of the most serious ever known. The year was only a day old when an earthquake transformed Swatow from a prosperous little shipping port into a place of ruins, the disaster taking large toll of life. An outbreak of a new disease to the Colony is at the moment threatening to assume large proportions here, and we know that during the last few days the numbers that have been admitted to hospital have been quite large and that the percentage of deaths is high. And, of course, the latest event to put in the record is that which marred Derby Day the full extent of which is even yet not known. None but the most superstitious—and the Chinese are essentially that—will place any significance on the fact that these events have followed one another with such rapidity, but it is not the first time that the coincidence of omen and actuality has occurred. Those who already believe in signs and wonders will have their faith intensified, whilst those who do not—and among Europeans they are the majority—will certainly have to admit that there has been a regular wave of disaster.

### DAY BY DAY.

AS LONG AS YOU LIVE YOU CAN HELP SOMEBODY. LIFE IS A GLORIOUS THING.—Ward.

To-morrow's Anniversary.  
To-morrow is the anniversary of the relief of Ladysmith (1900).

The Dollar.  
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 11.5/8d.

Photographs of Disaster.  
Mess Chenog, the well-known photographer, has secured a wonderfully good selection of pictures taken of the terrible disaster which occurred at the Race Course on Tuesday.

The Military Cross.  
The news will be received with pleasure that among the recipients of the Military Cross, notified in the London Gazette of December 17th, appears the name of Lieut. A. Harris, the son of Mr. A. H. Harris of Hongkong.

### HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin D.S.P. (R.) state:—

Anniversary.  
The Subscription Dance and all Social functions arranged for Saturday next, March, 2nd, in connection with the anniversary, are hereby cancelled.

All subscriptions will be duly refunded.  
Inspectors.  
All Inspectors, other than Staff, are requested to attend Headquarters Club in muffs, but with Swords, at 5.30 p.m. on Friday March 1st. The Sergeant Major will attend.

Inspection.  
The attention of all ranks is drawn to previous orders concerning His Excellency the Governor's Inspection on Sunday next, March 3rd, at 4 p.m.

### WAR-TIME BOOTS.

#### Some Regulations.

The Secretary of the War Office announces that the Army Council have issued an order under which boot manufacturers must comply with the directions given from time to time by the Director of Raw Materials, with a view to the production of war-time boots and shoes. The boots must be made of classes of leather and to specifications approved by the Director of Raw Materials, and the manufacturer must stamp upon the upper his registered number and upon the sole the retail sale price, together with the words "War Time." It is further enacted, that:

1. Priority must be given to the manufacture of war-time boots over all work other than Government work.
2. The manufacturer must sell only at the wholesale price approved by the Director of Raw Materials, but may allow discounts of 5 per cent for cash payment within 30 days or 6 per cent for cash payment within seven days.
3. The manufacturer must keep account of the cost of manufacture available for inspection by the Director of Raw Materials, to whom monthly returns of the boots made and sold must be rendered.
4. Boots rejected by factories, merchants or retail dealers must be retained by the manufacturer until inspected by the Director of Raw Materials and released for sale on terms approved by him.
5. All disputes arising in connection with the sale of the boots must be referred to the Director of Raw Materials or persons nominated by him, whose decision shall be final.

It is an offence under the order: 1. To sell war time boots at a retail price other than that stamped on the sole.

2. Maliciously to alter or deface the price and the words "War Time" borne on the sole of the boot.

3. To stamp the words "War Time" on boots which do not comply with the provisions of the order.

4. To use for any other purpose without a permit from the Director of Raw Materials leather obtained for the manufacture of war-time boots.

### U.S. PLANS FOR FOREIGN TRADE.

#### A Means of Winning the War.

"The event of transcending importance to the foreign trade of the country during 1917 was the entrance of the United States into the war," declares Mr. Bartwell S. Outler in his first annual report as chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. "From the beginning of the war to the time of our entrance into it," continues Mr. Outler, "the business of the American manufacturer and exporter was to make the most of new opportunities in the markets of non-belligerent countries to take wise and useful steps in preparation for trade after the war, and to sell munitions and supplies to the belligerents."

"These were legitimate activities. They were vital to the industrial life of the nation. But when we entered the war the perspective changed. Trade with our associates assumed a new, a different, a much greater significance in our eyes. It became primarily a means of winning the war rather than of winning profits. It became a link between the greatest storehouse in the world and the European nations with whom we had cast our lot in the world struggle."

"Our attitude towards the markets in non-belligerent countries has also changed as a matter of course. Trade with them must now be conducted with a careful and patriotic deference to the successful prosecution of the war. Preparations that we make to hold our place in those markets and to expand our opportunities must be made for the time being with strict reference to policies which govern our political relations. However, it is confidently expected that our trade with South America, the Far East, South Africa, and with Australia will not be too seriously interfered with, and that we may reap in the future the benefits of having been so assiduously and intelligently during the past few years."

"Important as it is that we hold our own advantage in these and other markets, we must not lose sight of the fact that all such advantages are likely to disappear if we do not come out of the war victoriously."

The report reviews in an exhaustive manner the foreign trade of the country during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1917, which it refers to as "our greatest year in foreign trade," says *Commerce Reports*, Washington. The statistics are arranged to show the growth of trade, month by month, since 1913, so that the effect of the war may be easily traced.

Considerable space is given to the unusual activities of the Bureau during the year that resulted from the entrance of the United States into the war, these activities, including the organization of a staff for licensing exports, work in connection with the tin-plate conservation campaign, the collection of information concerning foreign embargo legislation, the facilitation of imports of raw materials from Russia, the protection of American trade-marks in foreign countries, and numerous others, all of which were carried on by the regular Bureau staff, except the export-licensing work, for which volunteer work was accepted from the outside.

Attention is called to the increased extent to which foreign markets have been studied through the agency of travelling special agents. At the beginning of the fiscal year there were 13 such agents in the employ of the Bureau, while at the close of the year this staff had been doubled. The information collected by these agents helps American manufacturers to extend their trade now, and is also aimed to help them prepare for trade after the war.

Before entering the Bureau, Mr. Outler was president of a large manufacturing concern, a fact that lends interest to the following estimate of the Bureau's service to the manufacturer: "As a practical manufacturer and exporter, I entertained to a mild extent an instinctive scepticism regarding the efficiency of organization and productive

### SHANGHAI OVERSEAS CLUB.

#### Annual Meeting of Local Branch.

The annual general meeting of the Shanghai Branch of the Overseas Club, which was but poorly attended, was held yesterday evening, in the hall of the Royal Asiatic Society, when Sir Everard Fraser presided, supported by Mrs. H. O. Marshall, Messrs. A. Akhurst, Campbell Henderson, H. H. Read, E. Jenner Hogg, and J. A. Smallbones says the *North China Daily News*, of February 20. The annual report, which with the accounts were adopted on the proposition of the chairman, who characterized them as very satisfactory, stated inter alia:—

"We are under obligation, by agreement, to defray the cost of maintaining three beds in Netley Hospital, which requires £198 per annum. This was remitted in the early part of the year, being obtained to a considerable extent by the voluntary contributions of members, and a handsome addition was secured by means of an interesting address upon Mr. Rudyard Kipling given by Mr. Henry Schlee in the Apollo Theatre upon March 8."

The other Overseas Club Funds, which this Branch supports, are the Tommies' Christmas Fund, the Tobacco Fund, the Gift-boxes (or Hamper) Fund, and the Aircraft Fund. These funds have benefited during 1917 to the extent of £1,300, £64, £188, and £575 respectively. Besides assisting the Overseas Club Funds, the Branch has succeeded in contributing nearly £700 to the Polish Relief Fund, £1,300 to the Fund for Blind Soldiers and Sailors (which resulted from the sale of a motor car kindly presented to the Club by Mr. J. D. Clark) and £318 to the Royal Flying Corps Hospital in London. Altogether, the amount which the Branch has succeeded in raising during the year in furtherance of war-time philanthropy is approximately £5,885. Members and other sympathizers have very generously contributed to the funds, and, in addition, the entertainments arranged by the Club have been a very valuable source of financial assistance. In this connection hearty thanks are due to all who have helped in any way to ensure their success; to advertisers in the programmes, to the ladies who spent arduous days in soliciting the advertisements, and to others who acted as sellers of programmes, etc., in the theatres, and particularly to Mr. Edward I. Ezra and Mr. A. P. Stokes for organizing our entertainments in the Olympic Theatre upon November 21 and in the Victoria Theatre upon December 4 respectively. Mr. S. Hartsberg, proprietor of the Apollo Theatre and St. George's Cinema, and Mr. A. Ramos, proprietor of the Victoria and Olympic Theatres, have granted the use of their theatres upon most generous terms, and cordial acknowledgement is due to them also.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—President, Sir Everard Fraser; Vice-President, Mr. H. Browett; Committee, Messrs. E. I. Ezra, L. W. O. Lorden and H. O. Marshall, and Messrs. E. Jenner Hogg, A. Akhurst, Campbell Henderson, H. W. Lucas, H. H. Read, J. A. Smallbones and A. D. Smart.

It was also decided, after some discussion, to alter the rules relating to the payment of the annual subscription, whereby a member might become a life member of the branch on payment of a sum of £50. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

capacity of a Government bureau as compared with the highly organized forces characteristic of large private enterprises for this is a feeling all too common among business men. I find that a misapprehension of the value of the Bureau is based on a typical ignorance of the Bureau's current activities. Please let me emphasize the conviction that the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce is a genuinely producing agency, well organized, and calculated to assist our manufacturers and merchants in ways eminently useful."

### TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

They were discussing in the train dramatic criticism. The white-bellied gentleman with eye-glasses on the bulb of his nose listened in silent disgust. Conversation side-slipped to the best moment of the world's best play. A student of De Quincey enthused about the knocking at the gate in "Macbeth." The young lady with the music-case whispered of Irving's drunken Debuoy in the room at midnight—"You're a beauty, you are!"—as a dramatic touch of haunting quality in her experience. The slim doctor in khaki said that Voltaire's "Tu pleures, Zaire!" would take "a lot of licking." "But it can be licked, and sometimes it is," the white-bellied gentleman interposed. They veered round to him. "He set aside his newspaper and placed a flashy finger deep into the terra-cotta air-cushion of his other outstretched palm. "Not often," he said. "But for thrill, sheer electric shock, about of Sing Sing chair, can you find anything to lick these three works: 'Letters with orders'?"

He was not wearing a kilt, but he had a tam o' shanter on his head and a tin helmet on his back. His face was tanned to the colour of a well-polished brown boot, and his blue eyes shone like stars. He had just arrived from France with all his pack, and it was on Victoria Station Underground that I saw him. A train was coming in, and, pointing to it, he questioned a civilian on the platform. He uttered three syllables, with the accent on the first. The puzzled passenger shook his head. The conductor stepped off the train, and when addressed in the same manner he just stared at the dazed and anxious warrior as if he were a Hottentot, and bellowed his equally unintelligible version of the train's destination. "My heart bled for the stranded soldier, but I was late, and, besides, I had no more idea than the others where he wanted to go. Perhaps he was asking Welsh or Gaelic or even Erse. His voice was deep and strong, and there was no difficulty in hearing the sounds he uttered. They were, with the stress on the first and a rise in tone on the third syllable, Sanpton Croas?" It was only as the train was leaving the station that I realised that he wanted the terminus of the Midland Railway, called by Londoners "Spencers."

The death of Mr. Percy Harrison came so comparatively close upon the abandonment of his famous concert that it might almost be said he died in harness. At the same time, though, one cannot omit to suggest that he rather outlived his honourable day and certainly went beyond his audience—who would not go even so far as he to adapt the concert to changing conditions. In recent years Mr. Harrison brought Nikisch before his "patrons" (that was the word they chose to be named by), but the great impressionist unlocked the spirit of unrest to their comfortable midst. For the Harrison audiences were totally different from your ordinary concert crowd, rushed as it is by the main current of modern music, and sophisticated to the point of actually having views upon such disturbing modern things as the symphonic poem, and, indeed, knowing not only that Debussy exploits the whole-tone scale and composed "L'Après-midi d'un Faune," but also that that work is based on a poem by Mallarmé. No! the Harrison audiences were born and nurtured in the prime-donna tradition, and even that wonderful phenomenon—assisted by the tenor with his white gloves and the flower in his coat—could carry them no farther in their innermost hearts than Bellini, Donizetti and Verdi, and early Verdi at that. As we have said, Mr. Harrison was a bolder spirit, and in his last seasons introduced us to new things by Elgar, at least, and not only gave us N. Kisch, but also the unforgettable Gerhard; but it was only in the courses of nature that he should not have succeeded to the end, and that "Harrison's" eventually found itself crowded out of the hall, but of affairs to-day for want of space.



## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

## SOCIALIST WAR AIMS.

## Invitation to German Comrades.

London, February 24.  
Mr. H. Thomas, speaking at the Socialist Conference lunch, said that while they keenly desired peace they had not hoisted the white flag. Their first step was to invite their German comrades to respond with a definite statement of their peace terms. An opportunity was now given to their German comrades of indicating that they did not support the action of their Government against Russia.

The Inter-Allied Socialist Conference has concluded by adopting the War Aims Memorandum, which is practically identical with the British memorandum cabled from "Daily Telegraph" on 10th August and 17th December. The clause as regards Alsace-Lorraine is strengthened, as mentioned yesterday, declaring that it is a problem not of territorial adjustment, but of right and France having secured recognition of her right in the peace treaty signed by every nation in the world is prepared to submit the future of the provinces to the League of Nations to be decided by a free and popular vote.

The Conference resolved to organise an International Socialist Conference of representatives of all belligerents to be held in a neutral country during hostilities, to appoint a deputation representing France, Belgium, Britain and Italy to visit the United States and confer with American labourites on the war, to appoint M. Albert Thomas, M. Vandervelde and Mr. Henderson as a committee to secure Labour and Socialist representation at the peace conference and to organise a Labour-Socialist Conference concurrently with the Official Conference, to transmit the War Aims Memorandum to the Centralist Socialists requesting an efforts which will be international.

M. Albert Thomas declared that if anybody tried to foist a peace not embodying these war aims it would mean revolution.

M. Camille Huysmans heads the deputation to the United States.

The following is the text of the Colonies clause in the Memorandum: "The Internationale has always condemned the colonial policy of the capitalist Governments, and without ceasing to condemn it the Inter-Allied Conference nevertheless recognises the existence of a state of things which it is obliged to take into account. The Conference considers that the treaty of peace ought to secure to the natives of all colonies and dependencies effective protection against the excesses of capitalist colonialism. The Conference demands the concession of administrative autonomy for all groups of people that attain to a certain degree of civilisation and for all others progressive participation in local government. The Conference is of the opinion that the return of the colonies to pre-war possessors or exchanges and compensations which might be effected should not impede peace-making."

Those colonies that have been taken by conquest from any belligerent must be made subject to special consideration at the Peace Conference as to which of the communities in their neighbourhood will be entitled to take part, but the clause in the treaty of peace on this point must be to secure economic equality in such territories for peoples of all nations and thereby guarantee that none are shut out from legitimate access to raw materials, prevented from disposing of their own products or deprived of their proper share of economic development.

As regards more especially the colonies of all belligerents in tropical Africa from sea to sea, including the whole region north of the Zambesi and south of the Sahara, the Conference condemns any Imperialist idea which would make these countries the booty of one or several nations to exploit them for the profit of capitalists or use them for the promotion of the militarist aims of Governments. With respect to these colonies the Conference declares in favor of a system of control being established by international agreement under a League of Nations and maintained by its guarantee, which, whilst respecting their national sovereignty, would be alike inspired by broad conceptions of economic freedom and concerned to safeguard the rights of the natives under the best conditions possible for them, locality of the wishes of the people expressed in a form which is possible to them; secondly, the interests of native tribes as regards their ownership of the soil would be maintained; thirdly, their whole revenues would be devoted to the well-being and development of the colonies themselves.

## RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

## Chaos in Petrograd.

London, February 24.  
The General Staff at Petrograd has issued a proclamation declaring martial law in the city, announcing that all thieves, counter-revolutionary agitators, German spies and others rising against the Government will be shot; also persons convicted of concealing provisions or disobeying the order to report to the General Staff all provisions in the city for purchase at a fixed price. Every unauthorised possessor of explosives must hand them over to the local Soviet for the army. The penalty is outlawry.

The newspapers must verify their news regarding the Government or from the war theatre. The penalty in suppression of the newspaper and arrest of the staff.

The Bolshevik newsagency declares that the appeal of the Council of Commissaries caused an outbreak of enthusiasm. The enrolment of large numbers of volunteers has begun. No fewer than fifty thousand will be under arms in a few days, besides soldiers who desire to fight. Special Socialist regiments are being formed from Estonian, Lettish and Mussulman regiments in Petrograd. Many women wish to take up arms against the Germans and the supporters of General Kaledin. The same is happening at Kieff, Moscow and Pskoff.

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## CANTON NEWS.

Our Canton correspondent writes under date of February 26 as follows:—

Admiral Chang Pih-kwang, when landing on the Fort Bund at 8.15 p.m. after dining on a flower boat was shot. Two bullets entered his breast. The assassin threw away his pistol and fled. The Admiral is seriously wounded and has been removed to Dutch Folly. The Generalissimo and the Technon both visited him as soon as they heard of the affair.

A few thousand of General Lung's troops are nearing the border of Yangchung. The Canton troops there have retired.

Luk Wing-ting has declared that he will personally bring an army from Nanning to Ko Chow to meet Lung Obsi-kwang.

It is reported that a number of Northern infantry regiments, and artillery regiments have arrived at a place about 40 miles east of Wongkong for the purpose of attacking Chui-chow.

The S.S. China.

We are advised by the China Mail Steamship Co., Ltd., that a telegram has been received by the Hongkong office stating that the S.S. China arrived at San Francisco on February 22, according to schedule.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

[The opinions expressed by correspondents are not necessarily those of the "Hongkong Telegraph".]

## RACE COURSE CATASTROPHE.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph".]

Sir, I am directed to forward to you the following correspondence between the owners of ponies entered at the present race meeting, and the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club. I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course.  
Hongkong, February 27.

Dear Sir,—In view of the disaster to the Chinese Stands having proved more serious than was at first anticipated and the loss of life much greater than was reported to the Stewards when they decided to continue the meeting, we, as owners, ask that the matter be reconsidered. In the event of the Stewards deciding to abandon the Meeting, we the undersigned hereby undertake to absolve the Club from any claim as far as we are personally concerned.

We are, dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,

John Johnstone, Ellis Kadoorie, M. Gallwey, R. M. Dyer, H. Birrell, H. A. Seth, Dr. Jordan, J. H. Oungdon, J. Macdonald, J. Gibb, M. T. Johnson, W. Logan, B. Basto, Eric Moller, A. M. L. Soares, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, for Mr. Burdett R. T. Barton, G. Forsyth, for Wayfoong Mess R. E. Sedgwick, for Beth Ross and Swick, R. E. Sedgwick, F. Maitland, F. H. Thomas, Chas. Beswick, H. M. H. Namze, Do Journal, F. W. Satterley, for Mr. Dryadest H. P. White and N. J. Stabb, G. O. Moxon, D. M. Ross, T. F. Hough, C. P. Chater, Henry Humphreys.

Hongkong February 27.  
To T. F. Hough Esq.,  
Clerk of the Course  
Hongkong Jockey Club.

To John Johnstone Esq. and others, (members of the Hongkong Jockey Club.)

Gentlemen, In reply to your letter of this morning I am instructed to say that since the owners are willing to relieve the Club of the obligation which exists to run the remaining races in the authorised programme the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club are taking steps to at once abandon the remainder of the Meeting.

I beg to remain Gentlemen,  
Your obedient servant,

T. F. HOUGH,  
Clerk of the Course,  
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## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

## HONGKONG HOTEL.

## RACE WEEK.

THE Races advertised for the week are cancelled in view of the sad catastrophe at Happy Valley.

J. H. TAGGART,  
Manager.

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## TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

"PINKIE AND THE FAIRIES"  
ST. GEORGE'S DAY  
PRODUCTION.

REHEARSALS for the Ballet will be resumed on FRIDAY 1st March, and those who have already signified their desire to assist are requested to attend regularly on FRIDAYS and TUESDAYS at 5.15 P.M. at the Theatre Royal.

There are vacancies for more Dancers and aspirants should apply on the above days at the Theatre.

## FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

## RACE HOLIDAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), 28th February, at 2 P.M., and on FRIDAY, 1st March, at 11.45 A.M.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,  
Secretary.

## MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

## RACE HOLIDAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of PUBLIC BUSINESS TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), 28th February, at 2 P.M., and on FRIDAY, 1st March, at 11.45 A.M.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE,  
Secretary.

## NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the remainder of the 1918 Race Meeting is abandoned.

By Order,

T. F. HOUGH,  
of the Course.  
Hongkong Jockey Club.  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1918.

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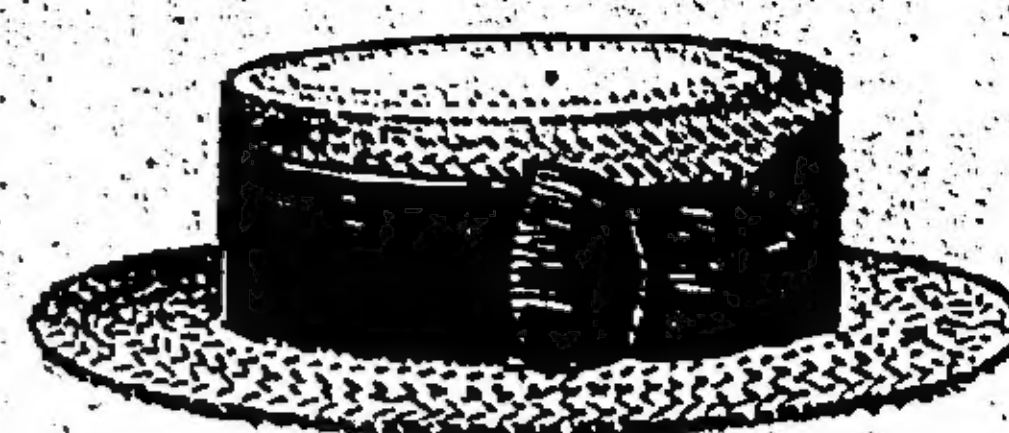
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## SHIPPING NEWS.

German River Boats.

The late German riverboats, Meidan, now the Wale, and Meile, now the Wale, have been chartered by the Chinese Government for the transportation of troops on the Yangtze. The vessels are manned by Japanese masters and crews.

A Handsome Charter.

It is reported that Chinese merchants at Swatow have offered the handsome sum of \$20,000 per month for the charter of the China Merchants' Hsinchang, the charter-party of which expires shortly. It is not known yet whether the offer has been accepted.

Danish Merchant Fleet.

The Danish merchant fleet consisted on January 1, 1917, of 364 steamers, of 34,066 tons; 156 motor ships, of 50,183 tons; and 306 sailing ships, of 39,933 tons; a total of 806 ships, of 4,311,181 tons, compared with 802 ships, of 4,224,960 tons, on January 1, 1916.

Japanese Vessels Chartered by Allies.

The Japanese vessels now chartered to the Allies number 19, totaling 65,534 tons, while Japanese vessels indirectly serving the Allies are estimated at about 100,000 tons. This is less than one-tenth of Japan's total tonnage, which even at the end of 1916, amounted to 1,696,631 tons.

Saigon Shipping Returns.

The total number and tonnage of vessels which entered and cleared at Saigon during 1917 was 1,684 vessels of 2,179,183 tons. Of the total, 410 vessels of 549,404 tons were British, 414 vessels of 678,376 tons were French, 246 vessels of 345,900 tons Japanese, 206 vessels of 304,732 tons American, 188 vessels of 167,890 tons Chinese, 112 vessels of 117,290 tons Norwegian, 34 vessels of 60,484 tons Dutch, 22 vessels of 11,764 tons Greek and 6 vessels of 7,554 tons Russian. The percentages were 31.4 per cent. French, 25.3 per cent. British, 16.2 per cent. Japanese, 9.5 per cent. American, 7.8 per cent. Chinese, 5.4 per cent. Norwegian 2.8 per cent. Dutch, 0.7 per cent. Portuguese, 0.5 per cent. Greek and 0.4 per cent. Russian.

German Steamship Officials Imprisoned.

The conviction of Karl Buenz, Resident Director of the Hamburg-American Line and former German Consul General at the port of New York; George Kotter, Adolph Hachmeister and Joseph Poppenhouse Hamburg-American officials, was affirmed on Jan. 11th by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. They were tried and found guilty in 1915 of conspiracy to defraud the U. S. Government by filing false manifests for vessels carrying supplies from New York and other ports to German raiding vessels in the North and South Atlantic. Buenz, Kotter and Hachmeister were sentenced to serve eighteen months each, and Poppenhouse one year and a day in the Atlanta Penitentiary. The Hamburg-American Line was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1. All were released in \$5,000 bail each pending a decision of the reappraisal. Hachmeister died about a year ago. The false manifests were used to conceal the destinations of outgoing vessels chartered by the Hamburg-American Line, which had an agreement with the German Government in 1914 to supply German warships at sea with coal and provisions. Among the neutral ships chartered were the Berwind, Lorenz and Gladstone, which were sent out with three Hamburg-American liners. The opinion, written by Judge Henry W. Rogers, and concurred in by Judges Charles M. Hough and Learned Hand, among other things says: "The District Court Judge properly took it for granted at the trial that there was nothing inherently wrong in an undertaking to provide coal, provisions and other supplies for German warships on the high seas, as the United States and Germany were not at the time at war with each other. Neither the law of nations nor the laws of the United States prohibited such an undertaking. The act complained of consisted in obtaining clearance certificates for certain designated ports by presenting to the Collector of Customs sworn manifests which falsely represented that their cargoes were to be landed at the ports named. The actual intention was not to carry the cargoes to such ports, but to German warships on the high seas. The clearances were obtained by means of false bills, and those responsible were guilty of corrupt conduct."

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That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following—

- By the deletion of the word "twice" in the second line and the word "Half" in the fourth line of Article No. 35.
- By the deletion of the word "Half" in the first, seventh and last lines; the substitution of the word "meeting" for "meetings" in the eighth line; and the insertion of the word "an" between the words "at" and "ordinary" in the seventh line, of Article No. 61.
- By the deletion of the word "Half" in the third and fifth lines and the substitution of the word "an" for "the" in the third and fifth lines and the word "meeting" for "meetings" in the third and sixth lines of Article No. 62.
- By the deletion of the word "Half" and the substitution of the word "meeting" for "meetings" in the first line of Article No. 90.
- By the deletion of the word "Half" wherever appearing in Article No. 93.
- That the following clause be inserted in Article 107 after Sub-clause (p) thereof, namely, (p) a—

TO DEAL WITH RESERVE FUND.

- (p) a. To employ the reserve fund for the time being or any portion thereof in or for all or any of the following purposes that is to say, in meeting contingencies, in equalising dividends, in paying special dividends or bonuses, in repairing, improving and maintaining any of the property of the Company, and in or such other purposes as the Directors shall in their discretion think conducive to the interests of the Company.
- (g) By the deletion of the word "Half" in the fourth line of Article No. 111.
- (h) By the deletion of the word "Half" in the first line of Article No. 126.
- (i) By the substitution of the word "Once" for "twice" in the first line of Article No. 127.

Dated the 15th day of February, 1918.

By Order of the Board,  
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## THE RACE COURSE DISASTER.

## NEARLY SIX HUNDRED LIVES LOST.

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Killed and Injured Approximately One Thousand.

On all sides this morning there have been countless enquiries as to the total number of persons who lost their lives in yesterday's terrible holocaust and as the investigation has gone on it has proved that even the most extensive estimates have not been too liberal.

To continue the narrative from where we left it yesterday there only remains to be added that despite all efforts to save the Golf Club House, it became totally gutted, only the bare and blackened walls remaining this morning when a representative of the *Hongkong Telegraph* paid a visit to the scene. Under the command of Lieut.-Col. John Ward, M.P., detachments of the various Garrison units, mostly men of the Middlesex, kept guard all night and the Fire Brigade and the Police were continuing their efforts to put the smouldering heap of refuse completely out. By this morning this had been completed and it was then that a proper search and classification of the remains could be made. Most harrowing scenes were again witnessed this morning, when huge crowds of Chinese, who had relatives missing, made a tour of the ground searching for some clue to identification. The unfortunate victims not so terribly burned as others were nearly all identified, articles of jewelry and, in some cases portions of clothing, permitting of recognition. All the senior members of the Police Force were on the ground supervising the work and they were ably assisted by military officers, members of the Sanitary Inspectors' Staff and Police Reserve, a number of whom were called out for special duty. It was at eleven o'clock that the identification was declared closed and by this time well over one hundred bodies had been claimed. As for the remainder it was practically impossible to ascertain who the victims were, so mutilated were the remains.

## The Total Casualties.

In conversation with the Hon. Captain Superintendent of Police, a Press representative was informed that it was estimated that 570 bodies had been found, whilst there was a certain amount of terribly charred refuse that might possibly add a few more to the total. Among the bodies could be found fifteen Japanese and several Portuguese. Mr. Messer, also estimated that roughly 300 persons had been sent to the various hospitals, making the total casualties in the region of 900. The accurate figures will not be known for a day or two, for all those people who have relatives missing, have been instructed to communicate with the Wanchai Police Station and report a description of the missing person. This morning the figure returned by the Sanitary authorities was 535 bodies, but this was not a complete record, as particulars were still being received. On enquiring after this today a *Telegraph* representative was informed from an authoritative source that the

latest accepted number of deaths is 578 definitely known and a few supposed to have been destroyed beyond all trace.

With regard to the numbers in hospital, there has not been a definite return given but the hurried estimate of 300 given by Mr. Messer is thought to be a little excessive. Well over fifty have been detained in the Government Civil Hospital, nearly thirty in the Tung Wah and others in various other private hospitals. All of these given above are serious cases, some of which have but slight chances of recovery, and when to these figures is added the very large number of people who were cut and bruised and not treated at any hospital at all there is no excessive figure given when it is stated that well over a thousand people were either killed or injured. The numbers that must have been in the stands at the time of the collapse would probably be about three thousand, and it speaks well for the rescuers that so many were enabled to get clear before the flames spread to where they were.

All the morning there has been a stream of coffins going to and from the Race Course, and extremely sad sights have been witnessed. Quite a large number of Portuguese have been to the spot and this community has suffered a terrible loss, as will be seen by the following complete list of those of the foreign community, definitely known to have either perished or to be missing:—

Mr. F. Seto, employed at Holt's Wharf, recognised among the dead.

Mr. Peter Gandell, an American subject, in the employ of the Hongkong Gas Company, known to be dead.

Mr. Edward Pereira, of the Merchants Bank, known to be dead. There are also two of the Chinese staff of this bank missing.

Mr. David Marshall, of the Kowloon Dock Company, missing.

Mr. A. Ritchie, of the firm of Messrs. Ramsey and Company, recognised among the dead.

Mr. Bino Xavier, manager of the Hongkong Printing Press, missing.

A young step-son of Mr. Conner, of the Public Works Department, recognised among the dead.

Mr. J. R. M. Rosario, manager of Messrs. Connell Brothers, together with his wife, son and two sisters-in-law, all known to be dead. This is a particularly sad case for practically the whole household has been wiped out, the Chinese staff of the house being at the races and in the same booth as their employer. Mr. Rosario was a member of the Police Reserve and quite a prominent member of the Portuguese community.

Mr. J. J. Coelho, manager of Messrs. Geddes and Co., printers, which is practically the same firm as the Hongkong Printing Press, the manager of which has also lost his life, as reported above.

Mr. J. D. Barrow, interpreter at the American Consulate, missing.

Miss Doris Xavier, sister of Mr. Xavier of the Hongkong Printing Press, whose terrible death before the helpless gaze of onlookers was reported yesterday. A student of St. Joseph's College, named Joe Rodriguez, is also missing.

As will be seen by the above list no fewer than sixteen foreign residents have, presumably, lost their lives, this figure not including the number of Japanese, which is thought to total at least fifteen.

It is also known that among the dead are Mr. Aureliano Jorge, a solicitor of Macao, who was down in Hongkong specially for the races.

Among the Chinese victims are one or two prominent men, one being Mr. Fung Lok-yuen, the second alderman of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. At least four other members of the Bank's Chinese staff have been killed. Mr. Hu Cheung-yun of the Hongkong Gas Company has also been killed, whilst Mr. Ah. Wee, the proprietor of the Kowloon Dairy is missing. He is a very well-known Chinese and at one time had considerable interest in many business affairs in South America. His daughter is employed at the Union Insurance Company.

With regard to the foreign residents who were injured it is pleasing to learn that none of them are in serious danger. Mr. J. J. Blake, who was in charge of his own stand when the collapse came, is suffering from shock and slight bruises whilst the several Portuguese who have been admitted are mainly bruised or lacerated, and there are few cases of burns among them. Last night the scenes at the various hospitals was a busy one and many medical men, not on the actual staff of the institutions, turned to and lent a hand.

The work of burial has in part been seen by the relatives, for in all the cases where identification was definite the relatives were allowed to provide their own coffins in place of the ones the Government were providing for others.

## Races Definitely Cancelled.

Last night it was announced that a meeting of the Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club had been held at which it had been decided to continue the races on Thursday afternoon and carry on with the Meeting on Friday and Saturday. This decision evoked quite a considerable amount of adverse comment and one or two letters to the Press were written. This morning another special meeting of the Stewards was convened and at this it was unanimously decided to abandon this year's meeting altogether, a decision that we feel will have the hearty support of all residents. To resume the Meeting after such a terrible calamity was almost out of the question, but it must be understood that when the first decision of the Jockey Club was made it was not realised that the affair had proved to be so serious an one.

## British and Foreign Bible Society.

We are asked to state that friends of the British and Foreign Bible Society are invited to attend the public meeting of its auxiliary on Tuesday next at 6.30 p.m. in the Helena May Institute. The Bishop of Victoria will preside. Addresses will be delivered by the Rev. A. L. Warriner, of Amoy and Dr. H. Gordon Thompson M.D., F.R.G.S., (Eng.) of Yunnan Fu.

## Three Glasses Instead of Eight.

It is explained by the Brewers' Society that the output of beer has not been increased, but is at the same rate as during the summer and autumn quarters. In the ensuing three months the supply is restricted to about 3,200,000 standard barrels which compares with 3,200,000 in the January quarter before the war. Consequently for every eight glasses available before the war there are now but about three.

## SULPHUR AND SALTPETRE.

## A Prosperous Business in Kueichow.

Both at Pienyang, 70 li north of Louchuan and in that district, and at Kehtu, in the district of Tatanghsien, the Kuangli Saltpetre and Sulphur Company has branch offices says a correspondent in the *N. O. Daily News*. I referred to this company's operations some months ago. It was started by some enterprising and wealthy business men in Kueichow and has secured a monopoly from the Provincial Government on payment of a duty on all saltpetre, etc., passing through their hands, but whether the trade is "farmed out" to the company at a lump sum per annum, or whether the money is paid at so much per 100 catties, I have not been able to ascertain. As no duty was levied formerly on saltpetre, the Government stands to gain by the monopoly. All producers are required to sell to the company and anyone attempting to sell to others is liable to the confiscation of his goods and a fine in addition. So far the trade in saltpetre has been within the province, but I am told that the company is arranging to export to other provinces as soon as possible after the resumption of normal conditions between Kueichow and Szechuan.

Yesterday, meeting some men on their way to Kehtu with saltpetre, I got into conversation with them and they told me that it is produced from a special kind of soil found in caves, also that a good cave for such soil is discovered by the existence of six or more loads of rat manure. On our expressing our doubts as to the amount of manure, they told us that the rats which feed on this soil weigh from six to eight catties each. I leave it to your readers to believe or disbelieve; certainly, I have never seen or heard of such great creatures before.

I have been without news from Kueichow for a considerable time, so am quite unable to give you any, but I presume there is nothing out of the normal or I should have heard of it from friends in the various places I have visited who get Kueichow news once in a while.

I have just seen something that reminds me of a strange, barbarous custom that prevails here and in Tatanghsien district, very probably in other country parts as well. A bride procession has just passed across the market place and the four bearers of the bride's sedan, every now and again purposely tip the sedan half way over one side and then the other. The same is done with the coffin at funerals! On one occasion known to me, the bearers were so reckless that both they and the coffin very nearly fell into a deep pit. In that place, perhaps elsewhere too where this strange custom prevails, the bearers are not paid for their services, friends helping each other. Possibly it is this that prevents the family concerned from objecting. A missionary lady living in Tatang district arranged that bearers are paid for Christian funerals, and insists that they shall behave decently. It is strange that in a land where so much reverence is shown to the dead, such unseemly customs are tolerated.

I am told that the Kueichow authorities are still in touch with Peking, reporting official doings, in the province and military operations on Szechuan.

There are between one and two hundred wounded soldiers at a temple outside the East Gate, and I hear that there are many still at Tsuchi. At the temple near this city many of the men are opium smokers, and one of the priests there, himself a big opium smoker, is running an opium den for them. And yet these wounded men are in the charge of military doctors!

I have it on good authority that a lot of opium is coming into Kueichow from Yunnan. This, of course, means that we are not yet in sight of prohibition of the drug, notwithstanding strongly worded proclamations pronouncing the death penalty on all found cultivating, trading or using it.

## EXPLOSIVES FOR THE GERMANS.

## Grave Charges Against a Dutch Company.

Serious charges were made against a Dutch company in the Prize Court recently when "very interesting evidence from a neutral" (as the Attorney-General described it) was elicited under severe cross-examination.

The Crown asked for condemnation of paraffin wax worth over £4,000 consigned through the Netherlands Overseas Trust to the Royal Stearine Candle Works, of Gouda, Holland, who claimed the cargo.

Since the seizure of the goods, said the Attorney-General, the company had been fined £20,000 in their own country for a breach of conditions imposed by the Netherlands Overseas Trust. The managing director, Mr. Yssel de Schepper, said that merchandise supplied by his firm to purchasers in Holland was without their knowledge exported to Germany.

The firm had exported to Germany large quantities of glycerine and other materials for high explosives, which must have been made from substances imported under agreement. Mr. de Schepper had headed a movement for an agreement with England, and this circumstance had kept the firm off the Statutory Black List, but it was suggested that this was a plan to cover up the pro-German activities of the claimants.

Mr. Yssel de Schepper, the managing director of the claimants, giving evidence, said that they had sold glycerine, paraffin wax, etc., to Germany and Belgium out of free stocks, which were not subject to the conditions imposed by the trust.

The Attorney-General: Don't you see you are claiming to be able to supply Germany with materials to kill British soldiers, and expecting the British Fleet to let the raw materials through; you expected that?—Yes.

So this is the position—you have glycerine for high explosives in your factory that was going to Germany to be used for killing British soldiers, and the British Fleet is to allow raw materials to pass through to take its place, so that further imports may be sent into Germany? That is very interesting, coming from a neutral. Mr. de Schepper said he had done what he could to help the British Government as a member of the British section of the Glycerine Commission.

The Attorney-General: Then you have contributed to blow up the soldiers of both belligerents? That has been your contribution to the great war?

His Lordship suggested to witnesses that if he would take "a not unfriendly suggestion," he would put the whole of the honest materials before the Crown's accountant, whether they appeared to be against him or for him. Witnesses agreed to do so, and the hearing was adjourned.

It is reported that General Wang Wen-hua is returning from the Szechuan border on sick leave. I do not know if it is true. He does not appear to have had much to do with the fighting in Szechuan.

There is a rumour, too, that a military road will be built from Kueichow to Hinghsien, the home of our Tsuchi. But I expect it will wait till there is money for its construction. More than two years ago our then Civil Governor, Lung, obtained President Yuan's sanction for the building of a similar road from Kueichow to Peking; but funds were not forthcoming, so the plan fell through. The road said to be now contemplated would cover the same route most of the way.

As usual, Santa New Year was observed by the public offices and schools only, the latter being given two or three days' holiday, the New Year holidays being deferred till lunar new year and called winter (or "cold") holidays.

## FRENCH AND ENGLISH SONGS.

## Characteristics of Melody.

A lecture by Mr. Edwin Evans on French folksong revives the question what it exactly is that makes a song English. That is, a question rather for a foreigner than for ourselves to answer. Histories of English music, which should have dealt with the point, do not help; as one ignores it, another says there are no English characteristics, a third names, as English traits that are characteristic of all folksong. But if after examining the songs of other countries we could say what makes them an English, as we propose to do now with French songs, we might, after enough countries had been investigated, define an English song.

Let us take a short passage from Pelles et Melisande and translate it literally into, as nearly as may be, the same number of syllables; Melisande says:—  
Pourquoi vais-je mourir? Je ne le sais pas.  
Why am I going to die? I did not know I was.

A Frenchman will pronounce every syllable bare equally, and the two syllables of mourir and of saisis will be of different pitches, rising or falling according to the context, but without any stress on the higher pitch. An Englishman will stress on the higher pitch. An Englishman will stress "why," "die," and "know," and will allow these to swallow up the other syllables, but he will hardly raise or lower his voice at all. The strongly stressed English will demand a strongly rhythmic melody, whereas the unstressed French will not. Also, with such words as le printemps, the main musical stress might come on any syllable of the three, but with "in springtime" there is only one possible place for it. These burly monosyllables of ours break up the flow of the words, and while the course of a French song is like a salmon river flowing past till and culture and fringed pools and ribbed beaches, the course of ours is like a stream in a gorge, where boulders rumble past, or are caught and form eddies, where trout can lie. "Angli jubilant, cantant Galli."

An important result flows from this. These English stresses (and the Russian, which similarly dominates the word) compete, with one another until one of them is left victorious in the sentence, and forms its climax. The melody follows suit, and is perpetually being forced into climax by the words. But this does not happen in French poems, and so their melodies regard climax as a luxury rather than a necessity. A simple instance of this divergence of view is seen in the two national anthems: the French, which uses appa whole compass in the first two bars, and the English, which reaches it, by three well-defined stages, only in the last bar but one.

This stress is so heavy that it causes the note which bears it to be prolonged, and the typical English rhythm is not that of Gounod's "Dites, la jeune fille," but the hop-skip-and-jump dactyl of "Here's to the maiden of bashful fifteen."

Secondly, we have a tendency (in some dialects very pronounced) to break a vowel in two—there are two vowel sounds involved in "die," and in "know"; whereas every French vowel has one sound, and one only. Hence English melodies, not uncommonly give two notes to one syllable, or towards the second: there are instances in "Drink to me only," "Blow, blow, thou winter wind," and in many of Parrell's songs. French of this seldom; when it occurs much in a French song, we sometimes find the composer has a German name, such as the Viennese, Reinhold, Hahn, or the Berlin Niedermeier.

Thirdly, French syllables never end with a mute consonant, but are frequently do. Such words take time to pronounce, and we want a little elbow room to deal with them in? Hence our songs are full of "pendant" notes, notes that make awkward pauses.

## OUTLAWRY OF GERMANY.

## A Suggestion for the League of Nations.

Sir Joseph Bellamy, who recently introduced to the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce a discussion on "A League of Nations," emphasised in an interview, the importance on the part of the Allies of adopting the scheme for such a league without delay and taking practical steps for setting up immediately the necessary machinery.

Proposing that the following nations should become members of the league, Sir Joseph stated in millions their volume of exports and imports, and suggested that the voting power of each nation should be ten votes for each hundred millions of trade:—

	Millions.		Millions.
British Empire 1831	Italy	223	
United States 734	Japan	101	
Cuba	51	Portugal	33
Belgium	334	Brazil	263
France	566	China	120
Algeria	68	Spain	115
Morocco	10	Argentina	140
Tunis	10		
Total	4,566		

Against them be set the nations not to be included:—

	Millions.
German Empire	878
Austria	233
Turkey	43
Total	1,154

"Whilst I see," Sir Joseph said, "the great difficulty of a tariff war, owing to the conflict of interests amongst the Allies, if we seriously meant retribution shall overtake Germany for her crimes, the most effective punishment will be that of outlawry by the nations of the league."

"I think there can be no question that a league composed of the nations I have mentioned would have at its disposal a most effective weapon for keeping Germany in order."

between two stressed syllables. While we are singing eight syllables—"Tell me, maiden, whither away," using pendant, a Frenchman gets comfortably through twelve—"Dites, la jeune fille, ou voulez-vous aller?" whereas if we try to imitate his note-to-syllable—"Maiden, tell me, I pray, whither thou fain would'st go, we tie ourselves up in fearful knots.

Lastly, as the French recognise pitch in the pronunciation of their words, their melodies are suggested by the rise and fall of the words themselves; and since this rise and fall within the word or the sentence is never very great, their melodies are of small compass, and sudden or wide leaps are foreign to French song as a whole, which moves almost entirely by step. With us, on the other hand, a sense of climax is always stretching the compass and demanding leaps.

We obtain, then, as characteristics of English as against French songs, these:—(1) "Stairing" notes (climax), "leaping" notes (appoggiatura), link notes (pendant), large compass, movement by leap as well as step, and a rhythm which is, in general, strongly marked and diversified (and, in particular, dactylic (of a special kind).

But behind the language is the national character which it utters, and of that large question we can only note one point here. The French will die for a word provided it stands for a thing; we will die for the thing, if need be, whether we have found the word for it or not. And so the French care much more for their language than we do for ours, and they have always taken more pains with it. The first demand of their singers is that the melody shall do it justice; they have developed, more than any people, the art of the diction; and we have grateful memories of Yvonne Guilbert and Edouard Ganneau.

We, on the other hand, remember the time and forget the words, or fail to pronounce them, or accept a low standard for them (in opera), and we are the only people, as Mr. Stevens said, who do not demand that a song should be sung as it is written.







